AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing watch information and processing information, said system comprising:

a plurality of hand held terminal devices that acquire and process said watch information, the watch information including clock appearance data;

an information distribution apparatus for distributing said watch information to said plurality of hand held terminal devices; and

display means for displaying said watch information on said plurality of hand held terminal devices;

wherein said watch information is displayed on said display means of said plurality of hand held terminal devices as a video image that depicts at least a current time.

2. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information distribution apparatus comprises:

a data inserting section for inserting the watch information into a carrier signal in a group of data rows; and

a transmission section for transmitting the carrier signal to the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

3. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is distributed as data to the plurality of hand held terminal devices by using existing broadcast infrastructure and/or communication infrastructure.

4. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the watch information comprises at least video image information of a clock character board.

5. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of hand held terminal devices comprise:

an operating section operated to input operational information concerning the watch information;

a receiving section that receives the watch information;

a storage device that stores the watch information received by the receiving section; and

a control unit that reads out the watch information from the storage device according to the operational information.

6. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of hand held terminal devices are hand held telephone sets that comprise:

a tuner that receives watch information from a broadcast station;

a storage device that stores the watch information received by the tuner;

a data processing section that reads out and processes the watch information stored in the storage device; and

a hand held telephone function controlled by the data processing section.

7. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein an information provider records the watch information in an information recording medium, and provides the watch information to a user, and wherein the user mounts the information recording medium on a hand held terminal device, to use the watch information via the recording medium.

8. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is associated with time information managed by the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

9. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein time information provided by an information provider is distributed as data to a user, so that the user is able to correct the watch information managed by the plurality of hand held terminal devices based on the time information received from the information provider.

10. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 9, wherein additional information that is advertisement information is distributed to the user at the same time as the watch information so that the additional information is displayed on a portion of the display means of the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

11. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is distributed in a regular or irregular updating period from an information provider to the plurality of hand held terminal devices by using a broadcast infrastructure so that the display means automatically displays a clock design based on the regular or irregular updating period.

12. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a video image associated with a season is automatically displayed on the display means of the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

13. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of hand held terminal devices are a foldable type, and an opening angle of the plurality of hand held terminal devices is adjusted according to a user's preference.

14. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein short-distance wireless communication is made between at least two hand held terminal devices so as to obtain time synchronization.

Claims 15-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for processing watch information, wherein an information provider prepares watch information, including clock appearance data, and distributes the watch information to a plurality of

hand held terminal devices so that a user is able to display video images based on the watch information.

27. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the user acquires the watch information, and creates a desired watch design based on the acquired watch information.

28. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is distributed to the plurality of hand held terminal devices by using existing broadcast infrastructure and/or communication infrastructure.

29. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is recorded in an information recording medium, and ~~are~~ is provided to a user, and wherein the user mounts the information recording medium to a hand held terminal device to use the watch information via the recording medium.

30. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the information recording medium is provided by using an existing sales infrastructure.

31. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is associated with time information already managed by the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

32. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein time information provided by an information provider is distributed as data to the user so that the user is able to correct the watch information managed by the plurality of hand held terminal devices based on the time information received from the information provider.

33. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 32, wherein additional information that is advertisement information is distributed to the user at the same time as the watch information so as to display the additional information on a portion of a display means of the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

Claim 34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the watch information ~~are~~ is distributed in a regular or irregular updating period from an information provider to the plurality of hand held terminal devices by using a broadcast infrastructure so that a display means automatically displays a clock design based on the regular or irregular updating period.

36. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein a video image associated with a season is automatically displayed on a display means of the plurality of hand held terminal devices.

37. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the plurality of hand held terminal devices are a foldable type, and an opening angle of the plurality of hand held terminal devices is adjusted according to the user's preference.

38. (Previously Presented) The information processing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein short-distance wireless communication is made between at least two hand held terminal devices so as to obtain time synchronization.

Claims 39-61. (Canceled)